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A FLEET FROWNS ON COREA

BEVENTEEN BRITISH WARSHIPS OFF CHEMULPO.

A Protest Delivered to the King Against the Suprender of His Covernment to Russia and the Removal of the British Pinancial Advisor-Consternation in Scoul-Japan Man Thirty Warships Awaiting Coren's Reply to England-Germany Will Exercise Sovereign Rights Over Mine Ches. Special Cable Desputches to THE BUS.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 .- It is reported that a British fleet of seventeen warships, under command of Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, commander-in-chief on the China station, is off Chemulpo, Corea, supporting Mr. J. N. Jordan, the British Consul-General at Scoul, who has delivered to the Corean Government a protest, which amounts to an ultimatum, complaining that the King is yielding the government of the country to the Russian Minister, M. Speyer.

Great Britain, through her Consul, especially protests against the removal, at the demand of Bussia of Mr. J. McLeavy Brown, the English financial adviser to the Corean Government and its chief of customs, and against the Russian monopolization of the Corean customs service. This action on the part of Great Britain has caused consternation in Scoul, especially in view of the knowledge that Japan has a fleet of thirty

LONDON, Dec. 26.-A late despatch from Shanghal does not confirm the report that a British fleet is off Chemulpo. The destination of Admiral Buller's squadron is still unknown, but it is suggested that it is bound for Talienwan. The utmost secrecy is maintained regarding the movements of the British warships.

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A despatch to the Times from Pekin says that China refuses to place the likin (the inland customs) under foreign control as security for the loan proposed by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and declares that unless the loan can be procured without this condition it will forthwith arrange for a Russian guaranteed 4 per cent. loan of 100,000,000 taels, to be issued at 93 net. -

The security for the loan will be the land tax. which will remain under Chinese administration. China, in return for the loan, will give Russia a monopoly of railways and mines north of the Great Wall, and an open port as a terminus of a Russian railway. She will also agree that the successor of Sir Robert Hart, the English Director of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, shall be a Russian.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.-The East Astatic Corre spondence says that China will lease Kiao Chou Bay in perpetuity to Germany for a small yearly rental, and that Germany will exercise sovereign rights over the territory as England does over Hong Kong.

VIENNA, Dec. 26 .- The Neues Wiener Journal publishes an interview with Sir Charles Dilke, who is considered a high authority on foreign affairs. He save that the situation in Eastern Asia is very threatening, and that he knows for certain that Japan is making warlike preparations with great activity. That country seems to project an attack on China or Corea.

Sir Charles declares that he has no faith in Janun's pacific professions. He reminded the Interviewer that England occupied Port Hamilton in 1885 and 1887, and said that Great Britain greatly needed a naval station in North

LXPLORER PEARY'S PLANS.

He Tells About the Ship Recently Given Him to England.

Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, accon panied by his wife, returned by the steamship St. Paul from Great Britain. He landed here early yesterday morning, took Mrs. Peary to Washington, where her mother and her baby are, and then returned to New York, in which city he will establish headquarters for the win

Mr. Pears talked with enthusiasm of his month's trip to England and Scotlane. Though his visit was made primarily for the purpose of ad tressing scientific bodies in London and Edinburgh, he accomplished much more. As has been reported by cable to THE SUN, a fine Arctic ship, in which he will sail northward next summer as far as possible before making his dash for the pole, was offered to him and accepted.

"I was much gratified with this result of my "I was much gratified with this result of my trie," said Mr. Peary. "It was my intention to look for a sliep while abroad, but I did not know that one would be given to me. After my audress before the Royal Geographical Society in London, on Dec. 6, I met Mr. A. C. Harmsworth, a young business man of London, who is interested in Arctic exploration. He volunteered to give the services of the Windward for my expedition next summer. The profer was made unconditionally, with the exception that he expressly insisted that she should be used as a free will offering.

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"The Windward is a fine Arctic vessel of 250 tons, brigantine rigged, and furnished with engines for suxiliary power. She was built for a whaler, and was formerly owned by the Hudson Bay Company. Mr. Harmsworth bought the vessel, and she was us d for three years in the well-known Jackson-Harmsworth expedition to Franz Josef Land. The Windward is a little smaller than the Hope, which I used in my voyage to the north last summer. Mr. Harmsworth will have her thoroughly overhauled and fitter with new engines and tollers, and will send her over here in the spring. Then I shall have her examined an strengthened in some particulars, so that the vessel will be in the shape for the voyage. "I enjoyed my visit to London and Edinburgh very much. Something like a score of well-known Arctic explorers heard my address before the Royai Geographical Society in London, and I had the pleasure of meeting them personally. Among them were Sir Leopold McClintock, who was the first to discover the fate of the Franklin expedition; Admiral Nares, Admiral Markham, Frederick Jackson of the Jackson-Harmsworth expedition. Sir Martin Conway and others."

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Mr. Peary addressed the Royal Scottish Geographical Society in Edinburch when he and Mrs. Peary were guests of Dr. John Murray, one of the scientific directors of the famed Challenger expedition, While there Mr. Peary was honored with a special metal of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society in recognition of his Arc ic work.

Leading scientific men of London, Lieut Peary said, examinal a fragment of the mete orite which he brought from Greenland last winter and pronounced it to be of undoubted meteoric origin.

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Prof. Bainsay, the discoverer of argon and
helium, whom Lleut. Peary met in London, will
examine drillings of the meteorite to ascertain
if those elements are present in it.

BOATSWAIN WASHED OFERBOARD. Steamship Poulise Turned About for Him, but Could Not Find Mim.

The steamship Pontiac, which arrived yesterday from Mediterranean ports, ran into much Losty and turbulent weather on her voyage. In mid-Atlantic, on Dec. 16, a great wave boarded the ship, and, picking up the boat-swain, Rocco Itanto, carried him on its creat into the ferment. A life buoy was tossed after him by one of his shipmates. The ship was turned and the Pontiac cruised about for a trace of the boatswain for two hours. The sea was so rough that launching a boat was out of the question. Nothing was seen of Itante, and the ship proceeded.

FIGHTING FIRE AT SEA. Crew Bring the Lambert's Point to St. John's but the Fire Cained on Them All the Time.

St. Joun's, N. F., Dec. 26.-This morning the steamer Lambert's Point, seven days out from Norfolk, Va., for Liverpool, with 6,000 bales of cotton, 12 000 bushels of corn, a lot of lard, soap, lumber and 160 head of cattle on the deck, made port with her cotton on fire, threatening every noment to break forth and envelope the whole ship. Never did thirty-six men spend a more desperate Christmas than did her crew yester day and the evening before.

The startling discovery was made that the cargo was burning. All the usual precautions were taken. The hatches were doubly battened, every ventilator was tightly closed, and all possible means taken to prevent the ingress of air. The main body of the fire was found amidships under the saloon. The floor was removed, the deck plates were cut for the steampipes, and a strong head of steam was forced into the hold which was also flooded with water. Along through the night when the shore folk were rejoicing in the coming of the festival these wretched water-drenched sailors kept up the fight against their unseen enemy.

On Christmas morning the fire was much worse. The officers were driven from their quarters and the crew from the forecastle. The docks were almost furnace-like and the cattle roared with pain as they stood up. To prevent the beasts from breaking loose the cattlemer had to slutce the decks constantly, and the crew had practically to live over the saloon roof. On the first alarm a small stock of food had been secured from the storeroom, but the balance of the provisions, together with the bay and feed for the cattle, was all spoiled. The boats were prepared and provisioned vesterday forenoon the crew fearing the worst, for the fire was constantly gaining ground, and at midday communicated itself to the coal bunkers. The burning coal formed a new danger, so the bunker lids had to be removed, and tons of water were poured down, completely saturating

the coal. This accomplished, attention had to be turned to trimming the ship, for the constant inpour of water caused her to list to starboard. She settling down 17 degrees, and threatening to go further, a portion of the deck load had t be shifted to port to balance her, and while half the crew where at this the others could not con

trol the fire. Twice last night the crew wished to leave the ship, but were induced to remain, and she for-tunately found no difficulty in making port. Even in the harmyr, with all her steam available for the purpose, its injection could not combat the flames, and two tugs were engaged to assist her. The cattle were landed at once. After the alarm was given the crew never ceased work. They went sleepless, and took what food they could eat while they worked at the pumps. Half the cargo is believed to be destroyed, between fire, water, and smoke,

MISS CLARA SHIELDS BURNED. A County of Assistant Secretary Day Injured at Canton.

CANTON, O., Dec. 26 .- Miss Clara Shields, one of the best-known young society women of the city, met with a distressing accident this morning, which it was feared for a time would cost her life. She was alone in her room at the family residence, and standing in front of a gas-burning fireplace. Her skirts were drawn over the flames by the draught of the fire and almost instantly she was enveloped in flames. Her cries of distress attracted her father, and he succeeded in smothering the fire before it reached her head or face. Physicians were summoned immediately and found the ower part of the body very severely burned and blistered. There was no evidence of internal injury, but the shock was severe and for a time it was feared she would not rally from this. She is resting easily this evening and it is thought she will recover.

Miss Shields is the daughter of the Hon. R. S. Shields, who was United States Attorney for this district during the first Cleveland term and is a cousin of Mrs. Day, wife of the Assistant Secretary of State. She is a strikingly handsome woman, tall, and of a commanding presence, well educated, and one of the most popular of the social set, which includes President and Mrs. McKinley's nieces and other Canton young people, who were to have been the conspicuous figures in the White House festivitics postponed on account of Mother McKin-

Notwithstanding the postponement of these functions. Miss Shields was to have been seen in in Washington social circles during the opening weeks of the new year. She had arranged to accompany the Days back to Washington, when they end their vacation here, for an extended visit.

RROTHERS DIE FOUR HOURS APART.

They Married Staters on the Same Bay...Their Wives Died at Nearly the Same Time.

Two brothers died in Bellevue Hospital yeserday morning within four hours of each other, and those who knew them all their lives say that this passing out together was a final link in a curious chain of coincidences. Although brothers they did not bear the sam

ame. They were brought to Bellevue Hos plial on Friday morning at 6:40 o'clock in a Rossevelt Hospital ambulance from their home at 505 Eleventh avenue. On the records they appear as Terence Brady, 60 years old, and Michael McDermott, 62 years old. Their trouble was diagnosed as alcoholic gastritis, but later this was changed to simple alcoholism, and they were put in the regular alcoholism ward.

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McDermott died yesterday morning at 1:40 o'clock. Brady followed him at 5:20 o'clock. Their boules were removed to the Morgue, and Mrs. Koarney, with whom they had lived, was notified. In the afternoon she arrived at the Morgue in a state of great agitation and told the story of the coincidences which had followed the brothers through life.

Terence Brady's real name, she said, was John McDermott. They both were neddlers, and John changed his name because of a difficulty in getting a 'peddler's license. Twenty years ago they came to this country together, and, after a 'hile, they fell in love with sistors. They were married at the same time. The two brothers and the two sisters lived altogether in one big family.

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Six years ago John's wife died suddenly. Three days later Michael's wife died, and the two brothers were thrown more than ever into each other's company. They became inseparable. Finally came their spree of last week and its fatal termination tor them both. It was this that made Mrs. Kearney shiver as she saw the brothers side by side in the Morque. Friends say that the brothers will be buried in the same

PUTNAM'S QUEER LODGER DEAD.

flersey Gave Up His House Every Morning and Took It Again at Night. Ira Hersey, formerly of West Virginia, was

stricken with apoplexy yesterday afternoon in Whittaker's restaurant at Twenty-eighth atreet and Third avenue. He died at 10 o'clock atreet and Third avenue. He died at 10 o'clock last night in Bellevue Hospital. Hersey was 4 years oid. For three or four years he had lodged at the Putnam House in Fourth avenue, taking a room every night, paying for it in the morning, and going away only to return again at night.

He is said to have been quite wealthy. He transacted most of his business through his broker, E. H. Corey of 229 Broadway. He cently he was associated with Col. Hoyee, Vice-President of the Norfolk Railroad, in a scheme to establish a summer resort on a 150-acre tract of land which Hersey owned on the Lynch River. He is also said to have been the inventor of a process for tempering steel which netted him considerable money.

Capt. Westervelt Burt by a Fall.

Police Captain Josiah A. Westervelt of the Church street squad slipped on the sidewalk in front of the station yesterday and fell heavily to the ground. Two policemen assisted him into the station house, and an ambulance was summoned from Hudson Street Hospital. The ambulance surpeon found that Capt. Westerveit had dislocated bis left cibow. After his arm was attenued to the Captain went to his home at 235 West 130th serect. Ho will be laid up for soveral days.

RIOT ON ELEVATED TRAIN.

DRUNKEN GREEKS CREATE COM-MOTION ON A CAR.

Ther Drave All the Passengers Out-Trainmen Unable to Cope with Them-Greeks Lay or the Floor When Pellcemen Came-Each Grabbed One and Pitched Him Out.

A party of Greeks, in which were eight men and a number of boys, got into the third car of a Sixth avenue elevated railroad train at South Ferry last evening at 11 o'clock. The men been drinking, and, as soon as train started, they began to skyhad lark, punching each other, and trying to trip each other up. They tumbled around the car, falling on the other passengers and knocking some of them from their seats. Several women had taken seats in the car, and some of the Greeks thought it would add to the gayety of the trip if they sat in the women's

As the heat of the car increased the effect o the liquor which they had drunk, the Greeks antics became so rough that all the other pas sengers were driven out of the car except Chinese laundryman, who was going to his ome after a day on Staten Island. The Chinaman paid no attention to the drunken Greeks. Finally one of them caught

sight of him and knocked his hat off, and while some held him the others tried to take his clothes off and to undo his queue, which was braided and coiled on the crown of his head. The eight Greeks surrounded the laundryman and mauled him severely before he was able to wriggle away from them and get into the second

After the Chinaman left the car the Greeke began to sing and shout. Some of them lay down in the aisle of the car and rolled around Others lay down on their bellies and crawled unfor the seat racks, lifting the cane seat bottoms from their frames by elevating their backs. The drunken men shouted, danced, and mauled each other in the asiles and on the seats raising such a racket that few who boarded the train dared to enter the car. Several persons who did get into the car were set upon by the drunken men and were hauled about, mauled, and driven out. The guards on the train warned the disorderly men to behave themselves. Others lay down on their bellies and crawled

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None of the warnings had any effect. The other cars became crowded, and at Grand street the train hands made an effort to stop the disturbance. Conductor Feleman and Guards Daly and Hasse went into the car and ordered the Greeks to sit down and behave themselves. The eight men regarded the order as a joke.

The entire party of Greeks rushed to the end of the car where the guards were standing and surrounded them. The Greeks put their arms around the trainmen's necks, tried to throw them to the floor, and hustled and dragged them around the car.

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Conductor Feleman ordered the train to run to Bleecker street. When it reached the station the sound of the scuffling and singring in the third coach was so loud that it attracted the attention of the people in the street. Feleman ran into the ticket office and had the operator telegraph to Police Headquarters for policemen to meet the train at Eighth street. From Police Headquarters the order was sent to the Morcer street station, and Policemen Barnes, Brennan, Duggan, and Houston were pulled out of bed and sent to the railroad station on the run. Feleman had the rulired street and up Sixth avenue, and the noise in the car was so loud that a crowd ran along in the street underneath the train, listening to it. The tr in got to the station before the policemen had arrived.

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It waited several minutes for the bluecoata. During all this time the Greeks continued to chase each other around the car they were in and shouted at the tops of their voices.

The four policemen who had been turned out of bed arrived at the elevated station almost exhausted by their rapid run. They had picked up another man on the way, and the five entered the car. When the Greeks saw the policemen they stopped skylarking and gathered in a knot in one end of the car. The policeman ordered them to leave the car. The Greeks didn't move, except to crowd closer together.

When the five policemen advanced toward them, all the Greeks lay down on the floor. They refused to move, and declared that they intended to finish their journey to Sixty-sixth street. When the policemen took hold of them the prostrate Greeks kicked and squirmed.

Each policeman grabbed a Greek, hauled him out of the car by the coliar of his coat and the seat of his trousers, and pitched him headlong on the platform. The Greeks made no resistance, except by squirming and wriggling.

except by squirming and wriggling. None of the policemen drow his club. All of them seemed to have lost their nerve, and as many as could sneaked into the crowd of men and women which took possession of the station platform when it was known that a fight was going on, and ran away. All the boys and four of the men got away. The police arrested Theodore and George Giatras, John Girakas, and George Mavnovenes, all of whom said they lived at 205 West Sixty-ninth street. Charges of disorderly conduct in a public conveyance were made against all of them. As Theodore Giatras and Girakas were especially drunk, charges of intoxication were made acainst them. All described themselves as florists.

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Although the Greeks had fallen or been pushed against the windows of the car many times during the row, none of the car windows had been broken. The seats were strewn around the floor of the car and the mats piled up in the middle. The city directory gives 205 West Sixty-mith street as the home of George Glatras, florist, who has shops at 249, 263, 428, and 903 Columbus avenue and 41 West Seventy-second street.

J. Z. LEITER OUT FOR GOLD.

He Will He Associated with Maitland Kersey in a Klondike Scheme.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26,-Levi Z. Leiter is out for gold as well as wheat, and on a scale that is likely to eclipse any previous operations in the Northwest Territory. It was announced yesterday that Mr. Lelter, the Canadian Pacific Pailway, John W. Mackay, Ogden Mills, and the Duke of Teck, were associated for the purpose of hunting for gold. Mr. Leiter, who is here to aid his son Joseph in his great wheat deal, admitted that the report was true. He said he was not familiar with the details, but that operations would be conducted on a large scale and on valuable concessions in the Northwest Territory secured by H. Maitland Kersey, former agent of the White Star steamship line, who agent of the White Star steamship line, who was familiar with the country and had had experience in mining. He also said that there were others interested in the plan, some of whom were of high standing and great influence in England.

The details have been left entirely to Mr. Kersey, who has had the properties in question in his eye for some time.

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"I believe," said Mr. Leiter, "he has had excellent opportunities for satisfying himself as to their values, and I should judge from what he has said to me that they are promising. He is about to leave for Europe for the purpose of completing some business arrangements in connection with pushing his plans, and upon his return he will carry them into effect with as little delay as possible.

"As to the amount of money to be invested I cannot say, nor how much I shall put into the venture. However, I think there will be no scarcity of funds for carrying out whatever projects Mr. Kersey may consider advisable. He went over the work with me, but I do not remember much of what he said except in a general way. I know he is sanguine of large returns from the investment, and from his opportunities for acquainting himself with the character of the conressums which he has obtained and his practical knowledge of mining, I have much confidence in his estimates. I should say that the operations will be restricted to mining, I may be possible that future developments will indicate the wisdom of extending the field of operations, but, as I understand it now, nothing but mining is under consideration."

EX-SENATOR BOWEN'S SON KILLED

Run Bown by a Train in Montana-Once a Editor on Hussell Harrison's Paper.

HELENA, Mon., Doc. 26 .- L. P. Bowen was killed at Tappington, Mon., to-day by being run over by a train. He was a son of exrun over by a train. He was a son of ex-United States Senator Thomas Bowen of Colorado. Ten years ago he came to Montana to become mining editor on the Helena Jaurani, conducted by Russell B. Harrison, since the failure of that paper, in 1892, he had been engaged in newspaper work in various parts of the State, and at the time of his death was on route to Miles City to take charge of a newspaper whose elitor had been appointed to a Federal office, He was un-married.

MURDERED ON HIS CAR.

Conductor Gallowny Meld Up by Four Men-

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 26,-Morton Galloway, a conductor, was murdered on his trolley car to-night at 9:45 o'clock. The motorman, Charles Matthias, tells the story of the crime as follows:

"We arrived at the Swedeland turnout at 9:42, and were walting for the down car from Bridgeport. When we nulled into the turnout I noticed four men walking in the road. One remarked: 'Let's ride up.' They retraced their steps and entered the car from the rear. Conductor Galloway followed them and sat down in a corner to await the arrival of the other car. I also entered the car. Three of the men sat on one side. I sat on the opposite side. I had hardly sat down when the fourth man arose from my side and took a seat oppo-

"We had walted three minutes when the fellow who had changed seats jumped to his feet and whipping out a pistol caled: 'Hands up! I never had a pistol pushed in my face before; quick as a flash I knocked the man down with my fist. As I did it, a second man hit me a stunning blow on the head with butt end of pistol or black jack. I chased my assallant out of the car, but he was quicker afoot than I and he escaped to the Reading Railway. Just as the secoud man came for me I saw Galloway get up to assist me, when one of the men drew a pistol and shot him in the head. When I returned the men had fled to the railroad and Gallowsy was dead."

Matthias is sure he can identify the men. Two wore black clothes, one a dirty gray suit, and one had a brown coat. Three wore black derby hats, the other a brown. He thinks they were tramps.

Matthias's bravery doubtless saved the money and valuables, if not his companion's life. The rolley company's money in Galloway's possession was untouched, as was his gold watch. The down car arrived less than five minutes after the tragedy, and with the car containing Galloway's body came to town. Officials are searching, but the men had so good a start that it is feared they will not be caught.

BACK FROM A VISIT TO THE POPE. Archbishop Bruchest of Montreal Had Two

Important Audiences with Les XIII. Mgr. P. N. Bruchesi, Archbishop of Monreal, who has been abroad since Nov. 1, ar ived yesterday on the French line steamship five days in Rome, and had two audience

La Champagne from Havre. He was twenty with the Pope. At the first audience, which his Holiness granted to the Archbishop on Nov. 25, the Pope greeted the Archbishop with great heartiness, exclaiming as he extended his right hand, "Come, Montreal! Come Montreal!" The Archbishop said he was much impressed with the Pope's vigor, the strength of his voice and the dignity of his earing. Only an intense pallor told of his

strength of his voice and the dignity of his bearing. Only an intense pallor told of his Holiness's age. "He was," said the Archbishop "as white as marble, and when his features were in repose he looked as if he were a fine piece of statuary, except for his eyes, which blazed like jewels."

The Archbishop said that he asked an especial bleesing for the journalists of Montreal, who honored him with a complimentary address when he started for Rome. The Pore said that he had read the tribute of the journalists, and that he would write a letter conferring a blessing on them. The Archbishop handed the address to his Holiness, who did not return it, saying that he thought he would keep it himself as it might help him in speaking on the subject of the Manitoba school question. Since then the Pope has issued an encyclical on the subject, in which he condemns a school system based on religious neutrality, praises the zeal of the Canadian Hishops, and regrets that Catholics are not equally united owing to politics. He exhorts Catholics to persist in demanding their rights, and if they do not get them, to provide their own schools and adopt a programme of study reconciling religion with all scientific and interary progress. Archbishop Bruchesi would not talk about the probable action of the Canadian Bishops on the school question, and would not discuss the encyclical.

The Archbishop, at his recond audience with the Pope, about two weeks ago, was accompanied by Bishop Decarie of Montreal, who asked for a blessing for his 143 nerhews and nieces. The Pope expressed surprise at the extent of the Bishop's kinsbip, remarking. "What! One hundred and forty-three!" The Hishop meekly answered, "Yes, your Holiness." Then the Pope said that the Bishop might assemble all his nephows and neices under one roof and tell them that the Helpy Father had sent them his blessing.

WATCH MEETING ATTACKED.

A Controversy Between Two Uptown Pasters as to New Year Night Services.

There is a lively little controversy between two of the prominent uptown west side churches in regard to watch-night services, The pastors of the respective congregations made reference to the controversy in their pulpits vesterday morning.

The Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D., of the West End Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam avenue and West 105th street, made dam avenue and West 105th street, made an outspoken attack upon the custom of the Methodist churches holding watchnight services on New Year's eve. He said that it was a sort of dissipation, that it did harm by making people stay away from their beds until after midnight. He added: "By it people are robbed of their sleep, and are untitled for the proper observance of New Year's Day. They go about during the daytime rubing their sleepy eyes, and in no condition for work or social duties."

Dr. Shaw's remarks were listened to with marked attention because it was understood that he had especial reference to Grace Methodist Church congregation, whose place of words.

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At the same time that the paster of the West End Presbyterian Church was making a vigorous attack upon watch-night services yesterday morning, the Rev. Dr. Philip Watters, in Grace Methodist Church, only a stone's throw away, was preaching an earnest sermon favoring the observance of what he believed a good old Methodist custom. With considerable warmth he said:

"Let us all come together for our watch-night service. Let us all bring our unconverted friends—the friends we have loved and prayed for. Let us bring them with us and pray for them here. Some people seem to think 12 o'clock very late, but I am sure they will not be harmed by remaining in church and watching the old year out and the new year in."

It is said that members of the West End Presbyterian Church, more especially the young people of the convregation, have been in the habit in former years of attending watch-night services in Grace Methodist Church—a custom which is not reiished by the elders of the Presbyterian Church.

FOUND HIS PARENTS MURDERED. Henry Neal Had to Break Into His Home-Father and Mother Billed.

BLAIRSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 26 .- John Milto Neal and his wife were killed on Christmas night at their farmhouse near Jacksonville, village seven miles from here. Their bodies were found by their son Henry. The son say: that he had been to the village and that he arrived home at 11 o'clock. He knocked at the rived home at 11 o'clock. He knocked at the door for a long time and as he received no response, crawied through the celiar window and went upstairs. By the dim light of a lamp in the living room he saw his mother atting in a recking chair. She did not answer when he spoke. He turned up the light.

Mrs. Neal was dead with the top of her head blown off. Her hands still heid her sewing, showing that death must have been sudden and unexpected. Mr. Neal's body lay on the floor. He had been shot in the head, Both had been killed with a shotgun.

Young Neal says that his father and mother lived on good terms. Robbery could not have been the motive, as nothing was taken from the house. The son has a good reputation. Mr. Neal was 60 years old and his wife 57. They were well-to-do and so far as known had no enemies.

Mr. Muntington Buys a Mexican Railroad CHUDAD PORFIRIO DIAZ, Mexico, Dec. 26 .- The uliscan Railway, which runs from Altat to

Cultacan on the Pacific coast, has just been purchased by Mr. Collis P. Huntington. The Mexican international road, of which Mr. Huntington is Presisent, is to be immediately extended from Durango to Culiacan.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB ASTIR.

TO ENLARGE ITS HOUSE UNDER CRO-KER INSTEAD OF SELLING IT.

Proposed Headquarters for the National and State Democracy as Well as for the Local Party-1,000 New Members to Se Added -Condert Defends the Manhattan Club.

THE SUN told on Friday that Richard Croker was going to revivify the Democratic Club of this city and make it his political headquarters. How this is to be done was in part told last evening by Jefferson M. Levy, who is actively nterested in the matter as a member of the club. Some time ago the club's governors adopted a resolution providing for a sale of the club's house at 617 Fifth avenue. It seems that the club has an equity of only about \$30,000 in the clubhouse, there being a mortgage on it of about \$200,000.

Mr. Croker visited the club on Saturday. In his company at the time were Mr. Levy, J. Sergeant Cram, and ex-Comptroller Theodore W. Myers. They inspected the clubhouse from top to bottom and they also examined the club books and accounts. As a result of this investigation Mr. Croker expressed the opinion that there was no necessity of shandoning the clubbouse as was intended. He said that the house should be enlarged and remodelled and the member-ship increased. The club debt could be refunded and with the new blood which would be injected into it there would be no trouble in making it a successful institution.

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Mr. Levy said that it was decided that three stories should be added to the building, with thirty sleeping rooms for members, that better kitchen and dining facilities should be provided and that the building should be so remodeled that it can be made what he wishes it to be, the headquarters on Manhattan Island for the Democraticorganization, not only of the Greater New York, but of the State and of the nation. With these added facilities and the prestige which it will get from Mr. Croker's adoption of it as his headquarters, Mr. Levy said, there will be no difficulty in increasing the club's membership and putting it on a paying basis. To this end he said it has been agreed that the membership shall be increased by 1,000. The first bractical action looking to the carrying out of Mr. Croker's plans regarding the Democratic Club will be taken to-night, when the club governors will meet at the clubhouse and rescind their former action looking to the sale of the property. Mr. Croker's reflection on the Manhattan Club for its Mugwumpery evoked a reply yesterday from Frederic R. Coudert, the President of that club. Mr. Coudert asid:

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"The first intimation I had and the only knowledge I have on the subject of Mr. Croker's intention to make the Democratic Club a purely Tammany organization is derived from the newspapers. The Manhattan and the Democratic clubs have both been representative Democratic clubs have both been representative Democratic institutions. I have been a member of both for many years, and was a President of the Democratic Club in its infancy. I presume that both clubs contain what may properly be described as Mugwumbs. I can assert with confidence, however, that the Manhattan Club has always been loyal in its support of Democratic candidates and principles. It supported Mr. Hill in his fierce fight for the Governorship, and always, with practical unanimity, supported the Democratic candidate for President. During the last Presidential campaign it is true that such unanimity did not exist in the Manhattan Club, nor did it in the Democratic Club, which, under ex-Gov. Flower, its President, was outspoken against the free silvor candidates. I do not see, therefore, that there is much to choose between the two on that score. The Manhattan Club has had a prosperous year. We have admitted 300 new members and I hope that it will continue to be, as in the past, a consistent and efficient champlon of Democracy."

Mr. Croker's taking up of the Democratic Club and his strictures on the Manhattan are considered to be rather detrimental to the interests of the latter institution. There are many Tammany men who are active members of the Manhattan Club, and it is surmised that they will transfer their activity to the Democratic Club, to the great benefit of that organization.

SMOKE IN A BROOKLYN CHURCH. The Congregation Withdraws While the Re-

cessional Hymn Is Sung. While the Rev. Arthur Wellwood was conducting services in the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Gates avenue, near Franklin avenue, Brooklyn, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, it was noticed by William A. Earl, the sexon, that there was considerable smoke in the chancel. He hastened into the cellar to investigate the cause. He found that the cellar was filled with smoke, and traced its source to the rear of the furnace. He, however, could not find any fire. In order to be on the safe side he sent in a fire alarm and then fotified the Rev. Mr. Wellwood. The clergyman, who was just about to preach the sermon, informed the contact of the contact of the sermon, informed the contact of the sermon, informed the contact of the sermon, informed the contact of the sermon.

gregation that there evidently was some trouble in the cellar.

He did not think it very serious, but suggested that it might be brudent if the congregation would quietly withdraw. This was done while the choir sang the recessional hymn. As the congregation were leaving the church, the engines arrived. The firemen were conducted into the cellar. They found a charred beam resting against one of the hot-air pipes. The fire was withdrawn from the heater and the hot-air pipe removed.

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Services were held as usual in the church last evening. There was a strong smell of smoke throughout the edifice.

FRAUDULENT DIVORCES.

Large Crop of Them in Okinhoma-Som

Procured Without Going There. PERRY, Oklahoma, Dec. 26. - Hundreds of fraudulent divorces are being unearthed in Oklahoma which were granted under the ninety days law, which was knocked out by Congress days law, which was knocked out by Congress passing a bill governing the time a plaintiff should reside in Territories before divorce proceedings may be filed. Many cases have been discovered of persons living in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago or St. Louis who have been divorced without coming to the Territory. Other cases have come to light where rich New York women have hired proxies to come to Oklahoma and pass under the name of the persons wanting a divorce and obtaining a decree. In the last few days a case of this kind has come to light.

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A number of years ago Robert Charles was a New York city insurance man. His wife, Catharine Charles, bore him four children. Five years ago Charles became infatuated with Mra. N. J. Becker, and they cloped. Mrs. Charles followed them to nearly every large city in the United States, and six weeks ago she found the cloping couple in Michigan and had them arrested. Then the husband produced an Oklabona divorce for both himself and Mrs. Becker and a murriage certificate from New York dated two months ago. Mrs. Charles came to Oklabona immediately, but she can find no records of divorce for either her husband or Mrs. Becker. ne to light.

FOUND COVERED WITH SNOW. John Emmett of Elizabeth Wanders from Home and is Frozen to Death.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 26,-John Emmett who are 60 years old, wandered away from his home in Pearl street 1-st evening during members of the family. His absence was not discovered until a late hour, and then a search was begun. No trace of him could be found, although the search was kept up all night. The part of the city in the vicinity of his home was scoured this morning without result, and this afternoon parties searched the suburbs of Elizabeth. Christmas celebration that was being held by

beth. Emmett's body was eventually found covered with snow lying in a field near the race track, just beyond the city limits. The body was frozen. It is believed that he lost his way after leaving his home, and wandered around until he became tired out. Then he lay down and laring the night froze to death.

WAITED 15 YEARS FOR HIS BRIDE Bridagroom, Aged VI, Gets a Young Wife Whom He Once Saved from Drowning.

MASCOUTAH, Ill., Dec. 26.-George Henry Washington and Maggie Wades were married Washington and Maggie Wades were finarried here last exching. The bridegroom is 71 years old and the bride is 21. Fifteen years ago the bride's parents attended a punic with their child ind were in a boat that was capaized. Washington, who was one of the pichic managers, sprang into the river and rescued them. Mrs. Wades, in gratifude, told their rescue that some day he should marry the girl. Washington took the mother's joke seriously. He watched little Maggie grow up from child-hood, and he says that all this time his love "grew and grew." Recently he donned his best clothing, and, going to East St. Louis, prevailed on her to set the wedding day for Christmas sve. She consented.

Have You Seen Them! new style Hale desks. 15 Stone st., next Pro-Exchange.—Adv.

OUR OFERTURES TO DENMARK. It to fate We Want to Ruy a Coaling Statte in Southwest Greenland.

Special Cuble Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 26 .- A despatch to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen says that the United States have made overtures to Denmark for the purchase of a narrow strip of land in southwest reenland. The despatch adds that the United States contemplate the establishment of a coal ing station there without delay.

TWO DROWNED IN THE WALLEILL

Young Man Swept Over Bashville Falls While Trying to Rescue a Young Woman.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 26,-Twenty-year-old Edward McMichael of Rifton, a small hamlet some miles distant from this city, was swept over the Dashville Falls, on the Wallkill Creek, late on Christmas afternoon, and drowned while trying to save 22-year-old Mary C. Van Barber, daughter of Henry Van Barber, th village hotel keeper. Christmas afternoon the Wallkill Creek was a glare of ice, and severa ouths and maidens, in pairs and singly skimmed over the smooth surface, making the

ir resound with their shouts and laughter Miss Van Barber, who had been skating for ome time with Edward McMiohael, suddenly roke away and swiftly glided along by herself ville Falls, where desnite the intense cold, the ce was thin and dangerous. Disregarding the warning, the young woman skimmed swiftly way, being blown along by the strong wind

that swept down the creek.
Suddenly there was a crackling sound, the ice eneath Miss Van Barber parted, and with a de spairing cry she sunk beneath the waters. Far sehind her Edward McMichael heard her scream and hastened to the rescue. Lying down on the ice he endeavored to seize her, but failed and fell headlong into the water, the swift curent carrying him over the falls. An hour afterward his body was found far below by riends who grappled for it. Miss Van Barber was rescued by other skaters before she was orne over the falls, but she died soon after ward.

UNGRATEFUL EX-CONVICTS. The Salvation Army Suspends the Home It Had Made for Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26,-One enterprise of the Salvation Army for the reformation of convicts has proved a failure. The Prison Gate Home in Contra-Costa county has been abandoned after an existence of less than one year. The ingratitude and treachery of the inmates were too great for the salvationists to deal with

and they concluded to give up the attempt, temporarily at least, particularly as all their energies are needed to make a success of their big beet sugar colony near Soledad. The Prison Gate Home has had a hard experience. One man who had been there for some time, and in whom was reposed great trust, ran off with a horse, wagon and harness. He sold the outfit. After a long chase he was captured and sent back to the penitentiary for ten years. Another ex-convict on his way to the home stopped long enough in Oakland to rob a resi dence, and he, too, was soon put back behind prison walls. The ultimate fate of the home

will be decided by Commander Booth-Tucker.

who will arrive in this city on Jan, 1. The home was situated on 300 acres in Contra Costa county. The plan was to give each ex-convict an acre and allow him to keep the profits of everything he could raise.

They Fall with the Floor of a Burning Building in Rochester. ROCHESTER, Dec. 26.-The business block owned by the Fairchild estate of Boston, a fivestory structure, tenanted by a machinist, a printing catablishment, and a candy manufac tory, took fire this evening. The fire burned for two hours and damaged property to the extent

TWENTY FIREMEN HURT.

of \$20,000. After the fire was under control and while twenty firemen start standing on the second story of the building, the floor gave way and the men fell to the floor below, where they were buried under the débris. Some of them managed to free themselves unassisted, and they seriously injured.

MISS WELLS A SUICIDE.

aughter of Judge Wells-Ill and Despondent Like Miss Herbert, Whom She Knew. WASHINGTON, Doc. 26 .- At 2 o'clock this orning Anna Virginia Wells, 33 years of age, the daughter of Judge Lewis S. Wells an attorney of this city, procured a revolver from her brother's room and shot berself, the ball piercing her heart and causing instant death. Miss Wells had been ill for four months, and was low-spirited because of her slow recovery. The recent tragic death of Miss Herbert, whom she had met at social functions and greatly admired, created a deep impression upon her and probably contributed to her determination to thus end her sufferings. Another coincidence in the two cases is in the fact that they were oth attended by the same physician.

A 5-YEAR-OLD HEROINE.

unte Nelson Loses Mer Life in Attempting to Save That of Her Baby Sister.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Dec. 26. — Little 5-year-old Annie Nelson sacrificed her life last night in a heroic attempt to save that of her baby sister Grace. The children are the daughters of Silas Nelson, living near here, and on Christmas evening were left alone by their parents. While they were playing together Grace, who is only 3 years old, accidentally fell into an open grate, Her sister bravely pulled her from the fire and frantically attempted to extinguish her ourning clothes. She succeeded, but was horribly burned herself. She lingered until this morning, when death ended her sufferings. The little sister that was rescued was also badly burned, and now lies at the point of death.

RANKIN APPROVES GAGE'S PLAN Treasurer of the Populist National Committe

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 26.-Morton C. Rat cin, Treasurer of the National Committee of the People's party and the member of longest ser vice on the committee, says the Gage currency plan would bring prosperity if adopted by Congress. Rankin says the boom times would be

due to the inflation feature of the plan. "Mr. Gage proposes," says Mr. Rankin, "that the banks have permission to issue more money than they are now permitted to issue. The banks would not neglect the opportunity. It would be good money, as any is good when backed by the Government.

WILD FLIGHT OF A TROLLEY CAR

Five Persons Hurt in a Runaway Down a Hill Near Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26 .- A trolley car sped down the jey rails on Robinson's Hill at Wissa bickon this morning at the rate of a mile a min ute, crashed into a telegraph pole at the botton of the hill after it left the track, and demolished the front of a tobacco store. The injured are William H. Webster, con

The injured are William H. Webster, conductor, hiscaisocated and splintered; William H. Wilfong, motorman, scalp cut open six inches, skull probably fractured, and arms and leus badly cut; tieorxe lowarth, passenger, nose broken, face lacerated, and injured internally; John McGehean, passenger, bruised; John Yaccker, passenger, bruised.

The motorman was hurled twenty five feet through the air and landed in the middle of the street. The conductor was found pinned to the floor of the front platform by the heavy timbers. Dowarth was lying unconscious on the sidewalk. The car swing around after it hit the pole and crashed into the cigar store of A. B. T. Banham, wrecking the front part.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

WE MAKE REPLY TO SPAIN. MADRID IS NOT WHOLLY PLEASED WITH THE ANSWER.

La Imparcial Advisca Spain to Get Her Ware ships Ready for Any Event-Some Things in the Reply Must Be Refuted-spain Also

Denies Our Right to Relieve the Hungry. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

Madrid, Dec. 26,-The Ministers have examned the reply of the Washington Government, dated Dec. 22, to Spain's note of Oct. 23. It differs greatly from the first note presented to the Spanish Government by Gen, Woodford, the American Minister, and contains statements

that should be refuted. It is inspired with the same sentiments as were expressed by President McKinley in his nessage to Congress. Sefor Gullon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will draw up a reply which

will traverse the points of the note. The Imparcial urges, in consequence of the American note, that it is necessary to increase the Spanish fleet in view of the possibility of

onflict with the United States. The American reply to the Spanish note dwells upon Spain's complaints regarding filibustering and other moral and material assistance given by the United States to the Cubans, which the American Government again asserts it has done

all in its power to check, The newspapers here say that the note is very friendly and that it praises the present home rule policy of the Spanish Government. The consensus of opinion is that the official relations of the two Governments are decidedly reassuring, but the newspapers of all shades of political belief declare that the American Government's compliments on the new colonial policy do not excuse its pretension to interfere in Cuban affairs, which has repeatedly been put forward in notes and mese sages, and by such acts as Secretary of State

Sherman's appeal for relief for the Cubana. take some time to prepare hes answer to the note. BIG EXPEDITION OFF FOR CUBA.

The Cruiser Montgomery Decoyed to Mobile by

Two Suspicious Vessels. MORILE, Dec. 26 .- On Wednesday last the team pilot boat Sommers N. Smith left Pensacols for Mobile, arriving here on Thursday morning in charge of Capt. Frank Dunn and Commodore William Bazzell of the pilot boat ciation of Pensacola. She was closely followed by the cruiser Montgomery, which returned to Pensacola after seeing the Smith safes y beyond Mobile bar and steaming up the river, She was boarded by a customs inspector, who remained aboard a few minutes only. The boat was immediately put on the marine ways to be painted and repaired, and work was com-

menced at once. In August last the same boat came here and went through the same operations, and on the night of Aug. 25 was loaded with arms and am munition for the Cubans and got away with the cargo without the Government officials having any knowledge of the expedition. She was indemnified by the Cubans for \$72,000 was indemnified by the Cubans for \$72,000 and was to receive \$5,000 for the trip. The appearance of the Smith again aroused the suspicions of the Government officials, and orders from Washington list night to the customs officials caused the United States Marshal, with officers of the revenue cutter Seward, to search the vessel this afternoon, but they failed to discover any contraband goods absent.

At the time of the arrival of the Smith she was very deep in the water, which looked very australiance.

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the revenue cutter Seward is now lying at the entrance of the slip.

It is thought that the Smith came here to attract the attention of Government vessels to enable an expedition to leave for Cuba from the vicinity of Pensacola.

After the Summers N. Smith arrived in Mobile and the Montgomery had returned to Pensacola, the tug Dewey left Pensacola for Mobile to cause the gunboat to follow her, so as to have her out of the waters of the eastern Gulf, and as sunset the Montgomery was at Mobile bar, and is patrolling the bannels to the entrance of the bay.

On Friday night the largest filibuatering expedition that has ever left the shores of the United States sailed for Cuba from Panta Gorda, Fla. The fleet consisted of three of the most powerful tugs in Southern waters and one schooner. It is learned that the Daurless is an achieve the control of the contro

TEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Jarvis and Mer Nine Children Lose Their Lives in a London Fire. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS.

London, Dec. 26.-A poor woman named Jarvis, aged 39 years, who was employed as a match-box maker, and her nine children, ranging in age from 16 years to 8 months, were all burned to death in a few minutes in the East End of London this morning. The family oc-cupied two rooms on the top floor of a house in a narrow alley known as Dixie street, in Bethnal Green. The members of the household went to bed at a late hour on Christmas night. At 6:30 o'clock this morning a workman living below the Jarvis family was awakened by a dense smoke. He jumped out of bed and learned that the house was on fire. He removed

his own family, but saw nothing of the Jarvis family. An engine and a fire escape arrived through the fog five minutes after the fire was discovered, but by that time the building was already ablaze and the roof had collapsed. The flames were soon extinguished. The tiremen, when they entered the building, found the bodies of the ten members of the Jarvis family, all of whom had been burned to a crisp. The mother held the youngest child in her arms. The father of the family had been removed to a hospital some time ago, he being a sufferer from consumption. He died to-day, without any knowledge of the disaster. Friends and neighbors of the

family are subscribing for the expenses of the funeral. ENGINEER BOULARD TURNS UP. Appears Demented-Doesn't Know Where He

Was During His Absence. George F. Boulard, the New York Central Railroad civil engineer who disappeared on Dec. 17 from his office in the Grand Central Station, returned to his home at 7 o'clock last evening and rang the bell. When he was admitted to the house he said that he wanted to ge to bed. He added that he did not know where he had been during the time he was missing.

Boulard's clothing was in good condition and he was in apparent good health, but he appeared nervous and acted as though he was slightly de-mented. What money he had with him when he went away was missing, but he still had his he went away was missing, but he still had his watch and jewelry.

Mr. Boulard is the immediate assistant of Walter Katte, the chief of the department, and has had personal charge of the change of the roadbed in the "city division," which extends from the Grand Central Station to the end of the Spuyten Duyvil and Mount Morris division and Includes the Harlem road. He has felt the responsibility of his work, and has worried over it at times when at home.

CARD QUARREL ENDS FATALLY.

Marty Struck Wall in the Neck and the Latter

Died Almost Instantly. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-William Harty and Walter CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—William Harty and Walter Wall quarrelled over a game of cards in James Condon's saloon, 1927 West Twenty-second street, last night. Wall had lost heavily, it is said, and suggested a game of doe. The men went to the bar, and stood there shaking dies. Wall lost at this game, and when time for final settlement came he refused to pay Harty.

A quarrel followed, Harty stepped back and Wall turned and faced him. Harty dealt Wall a sudden blow on the neck with his fist. Wall fell and lay on the floor several seconds without moving. Then he made a feeble effort to rise but fell back dead. Harty was arrusted.

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way meeting, beginning Menday, Jan. 8, 1985.